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TAGS: SHUM, CGEN, PFOR, BU

SUBJECT: MAREV'S DEPOSITION

REF: SOFIA 1024

1. FYI, MAREV AGREED TO SEND FOLLOWING, IN BULGARIAN,  
TO VARNA PEOPLES COURT MAY 17.

2. I HAVE LEARNED OF CIVIL CASE 353/1977 THROUGH  
PUBLICATION OF A SUMMONS IN DURZHAVEN VESTNIK OF MARCH 29,  
1977. I HEREBY WISH TO STATE THAT WE HAVE NEVER ABANDONED  
OUR CHILDREN RUMYANA AND YORDANKA MAREVA AND HEREBY  
DEPOSE AND STATE AS FOLLOWS:

3. STATEMENT OF SPAS MAREV AND IVANKA MAREVA, US  
CITIZENS: WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT  
FOR THE USE OF THE VARNA PEOPLE'S COURT IN THE CASE  
AGAINST US: WE DEPARTED BULGARIA ON A ONE-DAY TOUR TO  
ISTANBUL, TURKEY ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1967. WE CHOSE NOT TO  
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RETURN. WE LEFT OUR CHILDREN, RUMYANA, BORN AUGUST 26,  
1974, AND YORDANKA, BORN AUGUST 23, 1966, WITH THE  
CHILDREN'S MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, PETRA ATANASOVA JELEZOVA  
IN S. BORYANA OKRUG VARNENSKI. WE HAD HOPED THAT THE  
CHILDREN WOULD BE CARED FOR BY THEIR GRANDMOTHER UNTIL WE

WERE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR EMIGRATION TO JOIN US IN

THE UNITED STATES.

4. WE HAD NO INTENTION OF ABANDONING OUR CHILDREN, AND WE HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT OVER THE YEARS TO HAVE THEM COME TO THE US TO JOIN US. WE WOULD LIKE TO MENTION HERE SOME OF OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE CHILDREN AND TO HELP THEM OBTAIN PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE:

5. WE HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN HAVING OUR DAUGHTERS EMIGRATE:

1. THE UNITED NATIONS (1967,1968,1970,1973)
  2. INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (1968, 1969, 1970)
  3. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (1969, 1971)
  4. PRESIDENT NIXON (1970,1971,1973)
  5. AMERICAN RED CROSS (1971, 1972, 1973)
  6. BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (1971)
  7. GERMAN CONSULATE (1971)
  8. FRENCH CONSULATE (1971)
  9. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (1972, 1973)
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10. CONGRESSMAN SIDNEY YATES (1974)
11. SENATOR PERCY (1974)
12. FIRST LADY - MRS. BETTY FORD (1975)
13. PRESIDENT FORD (1975)
14. SENATOR JACKSON (1975)
15. SENATOR CRANSTON (1975)
16. PRESIDENT CARTER (1977)
17. BULGARIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE (1968)
18. BULGARIAN PRESIDENT (1970, 1971)

19. CHAIRMAN OF BULGARIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (1971)

20. BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR (TWICE IN 1975)

6. ADDITIONAL ACTIONS ON OUR PART INCLUDED:

1. SENDING MONEY AND LETTERS TO OUR DAUGHTERS 3 TO 4  
TIMES PER YEAR.

2. SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR EMIGRATION PERMISSION AND  
FOR US IMMIGRATION VISA.

3. VISITING THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE SEVERAL TIMES.

7. WE REGRET THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT INFORM  
US THAT THIS HEARING WOULD TAKE PLACE. WE LOVE OUR  
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CHILDREN AND WISH VERY MUCH TO BE REUNITED WITH THEM.  
WE CAN ASSURE THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES THAT THE GIRLS  
WILL BE TREATED WITH LOVE AND CARE IN THE UNITED STATES.  
OUR EFFORTS ON THEIR BEHALF OVER THE LAST NINE YEARS ATTEST  
TO OUR DESIRE TO HAVE RUMYANA AND YORDANKA LIVE WITH US  
AS A FAMILY ONCE AGAIN. WE ARE SURE THAT THE COURT WILL  
UNDERSTAND OUR DESIRE TO BE REUNITED WITH OUR CHILDREN,  
AND WE IMPORE THE COURT TO TAKE NO ACTION TO DEPRIVE  
US OF OUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO ALLOW THE GIRLS TO COME  
TO THE UNITED STATES. SIGNED, SPAS AND IVANKA MAREV.

CHRISTOPHER

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